

6377 Germantown Avenue (House)  
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY
PENNSYLVANIA	PHILADELPHIA	PHILADELPHIA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME)		HABS NO.
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SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)		
(see above)		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
Mid-18th century.		
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)		
A two-story, three-bay fieldstone house of the 18th century.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)		
Foundations: rubble. Walls: rubble, covered with rough stucco on street elevation and with irregular patches of plaster on rear, scored to resemble dressed ashlar (con't. on page 2)		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
Dimensions: 25' X 40' with one-story rear ell. Side-hall floor plan. Two-and-a-half stories on raised basement.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE		
Plain features, "colonial" appearance (see HABS photos). At the front door, lower half of the original Dutch door still exists, and has two raised molded panels. Other doors have six raised molded panels. Shutters are used. Wood box cornices line the front and back of the house (con't on page two)		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
Windows in front and rear rooms are deep-set and have plastered angled reveals. The flooring on first, second and attic floors is of random-width white pine boards. The basement floor was originally earth. The stairway from first floor to second floor (con't. on page two)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
Restored.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION		DATE
Historic American Buildings Survey, April 11, 1961; edited March, 1984 by Susan McCown, HABS historian		

MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (continued from page 1):

with flat arches over openings. Structural system: Oak joists.

EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (continued from page 1):

The old front cornice ( it cannot be determined as original) was of box type with a simple molding. Door hardware consists of "L" and "H" type hinges.

INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (continued from page 1):

is of ca. 1800 construction. It is open with 1/4 turn at both top and bottom and has a square newel post and turned spindles. The remainder of the stairway, from second floor to attic, is original- a board-newel winder with a plaster soffit underneath. The walls in first, second and attic floors are white plaster with brown base coat of mud, lime and straw. Chairrails line most rooms in first and second floors and are white pine with applied cedar moldings. All doors are original- first floor doors have four raised molded panels and second floor, two panels. Door frames are mortised with pegs. Door trim is deep and mitered. Previous door hardware was box lock. Corner fireplaces in front basement room and in two rooms of first and second floors have underfires of red brick and hearths of red square tiles. All fireplace openings except that in rear first floor are niched. The fireplace in the rear first floor room has a cast-iron fireback decorated with delicate garland-type foliate decoration. Fireplace walls in first and second floors are paneled with cedar and have plain concave cornices.